A caste-war statement of officers drawing Rs. 15 and above in the Revenue Department.

329. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of the officers who draw Rs. 15 and above in the following offices and establishments:—

A. The Revenue Department :—

(a) The office establishment of the Diwan Peishkar,

(b) Tahsildars' establishments,

(c) Establishment of the Superintendent of Survey and Land Records,

(d) Village establishments;

B. The Agricultural Department :—

(a) Office establishment of the Superintendent,

(b) Field staff,

(c) Farm staff,

(d) Establishment for avenues ;

C. The Forest Department :—

(a) Office establishment of the Conservator,

(b) Divisional Office establishments,

(c) Subordinate executive staff?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—Three statements giving the information asked for are appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Were the Government aware before this answer was prepared that there was such a great disparity, as shown by the statements, between the different castes in the departments referred to?

President.—The question is :—"Were not the Government aware that certain castes and creeds in the State were for a very long time crying for representation in these offices?"

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Through the Press and the platform.

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—The Government have noticed this in some of the papers and also issued instructions to the Heads of Departments.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I to take it that it is in spite of these instructions that we see such disparity?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—It is not possible to answer this question.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Government has been vigilant to see whether their instructions were carried out by the Heads of Departments and other responsible officers?

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Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—Certainly.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—And is the Government satisfied that in making appointments the Heads of Departments and other officers that are responsible for making these appointments are strictly pursuing the instructions said to have been issued in the matter?

President.—If the appointments made by the Heads of Departments are not in accordance with the rule, then they are asked to explain. It is with a view to have an effective check upon them that a statement of appointments is called for from the Heads of Departments.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—There is no scrutiny about that, which I made mention of. May I know whether the Government has taken steps to see that proper representation is given to the different castes and creeds in the State service?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—The Government have repeatedly issued instructions. No specific complaints have been received.

President.—The other day, you see, Mr. Salem drew our attention to an article in this connection.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—But it was permissive. It only removes the obstacles in the matter of obtaining applications.

President.—The Standing Orders make no reference to castes and creeds.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—No, they do not.

President.—They are to be respected and followed by the Heads of Departments. That is the power or authority in the matter of making appointments. Reference was made to that by the Secretary when he referred to the instructions issued in this matter.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what those instructions are?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—They are substantially those in the Standing Orders.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are these instructions to entertain communities that are not sufficiently represented? Now, my further question is whether the Government have examined whether the Heads of Departments and other officers who are responsible for making appointments were following these instructions.

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Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—It is not possible to institute an enquiry into this matter. We cannot take any action on vague statements in the Press or the platform.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I only say that only specific complaints should be taken notice of. When vacancies occur, they are being filled up with persons who are qualified for that post, instead of appointing a person belonging to a particular class which is not adequately represented so as to make representation equal.

President.—Action can only be taken on specific complaints from people.

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—Not otherwise.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—So the Government are not going to see that proper representation is given, unless particular complaints from individuals are made.

The Police Commissioner and the Constables.

330. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Did the Police constables of Trichur put in a petition to the Commissioner in Kumbham last requesting personal interviews, etc.?

(b) (i) Was a constable dismissed, suspended and reinstated for submitting this petition?

(ii) What are the reasons for these actions?

(c) When were the salaries of the Town Police constables paid for the month of Vrischigam 1100? What was the cause of so much delay?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) Yes.

(b) (i) The constable was first dismissed, and on reconsideration the dismissal order was converted into one of suspension for six months.

(ii) The constable concerned obtained by misrepresentation the signatures of several constables to a petition protesting against the new beat system introduced into towns. For this he was dismissed.

(c) On the 5th Dhanu 1100. There was no unusual delay.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any hard and fast rule regarding the sending of petitions to the Commissioner of Police? It is said that a constable was dismissed for petitioning.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—The reasons for the dismissal is given in (2).

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Year	Hindus	Christians	Muhammadans	Jews	Remarks
		Chittur	(Sub-jail).		
From 1091 to 1100	80·1	...	3·3	16·6	
		Nemmara	(Sub-jail).		
From 1091 to 1100	92·3	...	7·7*	...	

* Includes castes other than Muhammadans.

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 329.)

(1) Caste-war statement of officers in the Forest Department drawing Rs. 15 and above.

Particulars of caste	Office establishment of the Conservator of Forests	Office establishment of the Divisional Forest Officers	Subordinate Executive Staff
Brahmans ..	8	6	4
Nayars ..	3	8	24
Pillais ...	..	..	2
Nambiyars ...	1	..	..
Puduvals ...	..	..	1
Eurasians ..	..	..	1
Christians ..	..	..	3
Ezhuvas ..	..	2	..
Total ..	12	16	35

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(2) Caste-war statement of officers in the Revenue Department drawing Rs. 15 and above.

Name of office	Brahmans	Non-Brahman caste Hindus	Tiyyas	Other non-caste Hindus	Christians	Muhammadans
Diwan Peishkar's office ..	8	7	..	..	..	..
Office of the Superintendent of Survey and Land Records ..	4	12	2	..	1	..
Taluk offices ..	47	50	6	..	6	..
Village Officers ..	13	56	1	1	3	1
Total ..	72	125	9	1	10	1

(3) Caste-war statement of officers in the Agricultural Department drawing Rs. 15 and above.

Section of establishment	Nayars	Brahmans	Ambalavasis	Pillais	Ezhuttassans	Ezhuvas	Christians	Total
(a) Office establishment of the Superintendent ..	6	1	..	..	...	1	1	9
*(b) Field staff .	6	2	1	..	..	1	1	11
(c) Farm staff								
(1) Central Farm ..	8	1	1	..	1	...	1	12
(2) Cocoanut Station ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
(d) Avenue establishment ..	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	5

* Note.—Field staff includes the two Minor Irrigation Overseers.

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